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For: MULTI-LEVEL MULTI-VARIABLE
CONTROL PROCESS PROGRAM
EXECUTION SCHEME FOR
DISTRIBUTED PROCESS CONTROL
SYSTEMS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE DRAWING:

Please substitute the enclosed sheet of drawings for FIG. 6 as filed with the application.

REMARKS

FIG. 6, as filed with the application on December 2, 1999, inadvertently displayed the arrows pointing in an upward direction. The arrows should have been pointing in a